

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

ASTROPOWER LIQUIDATING TRUST,
f/k/a ASTROPOWER, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

KPMG, LLP,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 06 -

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, the AstroPower Liquidating Trust (the “Trust”) files its Original Complaint and alleges as follows:

PARTIES

1. On or about February 1, 2004, AstroPower, Inc. (“AstroPower,” “Debtor,” or the “Company”) filed its petition under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. Section 101, *et seq.* On or about December 3, 2004, this Court entered an order (the “Confirmation Order”) confirming the Revised Liquidating Plan Proposed by AstroPower, Inc. and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (as supplemented, amended and modified) (the “Plan”).¹

2. Pursuant to and as provided for in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and the Liquidating Trust Agreement, all property comprising the Debtor’s estate was transferred to and vested in the Trust, including, without limitation, all Litigation Claims.

3. Litigation Claims include, without limitation, any and all claims that could otherwise be brought by the Debtor. Pursuant to and as provided for in the Plan, the

¹ All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the Plan.

Confirmation Order, and the Liquidating Trust Agreement, the Trust has the sole and exclusive right to prosecute, compromise, and/or settle Litigation Claims.

4. The Trust brings this action against KPMG, LLP ("KPMG"). KPMG is a public accounting and auditing firm and a limited liability partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. KPMG may be served with process through its registered agent for service of process, The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

5. The Court has jurisdiction over this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b).
6. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. AstroPower's Rise and Fall

7. AstroPower was founded in 1983. The Company manufactured and sold photovoltaic solar cells, modules, and panels for generating solar electric power.

8. Through the 1980s and early 1990s, AstroPower's primary customer was the United States Government and AstroPower's business steadily grew. During the late 1990s, AstroPower's business increasingly focused on the commercial production of solar energy.

9. In 1992, AstroPower retained the services of KPMG to be its auditor and outside accounting firm. KPMG remained as the Company's auditors, tax consultants, and accountants, until December 2003.

10. On February 12, 1998, AstroPower issued its initial public offering ("IPO"). Its stock debuted at \$6 per share and it raised approximately \$14.6 million.

11. In October 1999, AstroPower announced a follow-on offering of 2,700,000 shares of common stock at \$13.375 per share. This follow-on offering was completed in March 2001 resulting in net proceeds to AstroPower of \$56.6 million.

12. During the late 1990s and early 2000s, AstroPower rode the wave of "green energy production" and Wall Street took greater notice.

13. On February 26, 2001, the Company reported record numbers: for fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, total revenues were \$49,787,000—a 43.7% increase over the previous year. As a consequence of these reported numbers, AstroPower's stock value continued to rise.

14. In March 2001, the Company announced a third follow-on offering and raised approximately an additional \$30 million. In April 2001, the Company's stock reached a high of \$57.58 per share.

15. In late March 2003, KPMG notified the Company that it would not certify its 2002 financials. Because of this KPMG declaration, on April 1, 2003, AstroPower filed with the SEC a Notification of Inability to Timely File its Form 10-K. The Company's notification stated that it required additional time to gather and evaluate data relating to 2002 revenue recognition matters. The notification also asserted that a restatement of certain 2002 quarters would likely be necessary and certain revenue recognition matters may impact reporting for certain quarters of 2001.

16. The market reacted negatively to this pronouncement causing the stock price to decline. This resulted in significant damage to AstroPower's enterprise value. As a further consequence of AstroPower's delayed financials, AstroPower lost access to capital and debt markets.

17. With no audited financials and no ability to meet its public-filing requirements, the Company was unable to obtain any funding. These KPMG-created delays eliminated AstroPower's access to capital and debt.

18. AstroPower now faced a potential restatement, mounting accounting irregularities, and a plummeting stock price. AstroPower's audit committee (the "Audit Committee") retained the law firm of Hale & Dorr as independent counsel and the accounting firm Ernst & Young ("E&Y"). E&Y was charged with conducting a full forensic accounting.

19. Weeks later, on May 16, 2003, AstroPower announced, that because of its ongoing accounting review, it had yet to file its Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2002 and it would be unable to do so until it received its audited balance sheet for that period.

20. On May 29, 2003, AstroPower received a NASDAQ Staff Determination Letter indicating that, in addition to its Form 10-K delinquency, AstroPower had not filed its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2003.

21. The Company received notice from the NASDAQ Listing Qualifications Panel on July 24, 2003 that because of the Company's failure to file its 2002 10-K and its Q1 2003 10-Q it would be de-listed from the NASDAQ effective July 25, 2003.

22. During the subsequent months, AstroPower's business suffered as vendors refused to extend credit, the Company was without access to capital and debt markets, and AstroPower's reputation in the marketplace was tarnished because of its lack of audited financials. AstroPower's management tried desperately to salvage its business while at the same time trying in vain to appease KPMG's increasingly onerous requests. But, with no access to funding, this was an exercise in futility. As set forth more fully below, and despite being

significantly compensated for it, KPMG never completed its 2003 audit of the Company's 2002 financials. KPMG's failure to do so caused the company's ultimate demise.

23. On February 1, 2004, AstroPower filed a voluntary petition for chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection.

B. KPMG's Relationship with AstroPower

24. KPMG served as AstroPower's accountants and independent auditors from 1992 to December 29, 2003. KPMG contracted with AstroPower to provide it with (i) auditing services; (ii) tax consulting; and, (iii) other accounting-related advisory services.

25. KPMG was retained by AstroPower to act as its independent auditor and financial advisor and KPMG acted in this capacity from 1992 to 2003.

26. In order to issue a yearly opinion regarding AstroPower's financial reporting under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and under Generally Accepted Accounting Standard (GAAS), KPMG had to review and analyze AstroPower's consolidated balance sheet and related statements of income, stockholder equity and cash flows for each year. Indeed, KPMG was contractually obligated to do so.

27. KPMG's duties included, but were not limited to: (i) the duty to audit AstroPower's financial statements and prepare written and audited reports in accordance with GAAS; (ii) the duty to express an opinion as to whether the presentation of the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, conformed with GAAP; (iii) the duty to advise the Board of Directors, management, and shareholders of AstroPower as to the lack of internal controls, errors, ongoing illegal or fraudulent activities, irregularities, and materially false statements of which KPMG was aware or of which KPMG should have been aware; and (iv) the duty to

exercise due care in the rendering of audits and to provide guidance to the Company in connection with the issues for which KPMG was retained.

28. In connection with these duties, KPMG conducted AstroPower's annual audits and prepared its consolidated audited financial statements. As of 1998 when the Company went public, KPMG's role expanded such that it was now conducting all tasks necessary for AstroPower's quarterly and year-end SEC filings. KPMG also provided tax-consulting services to AstroPower.

29. Upon information and belief, in all years prior to the 2002 year-end audit, including year-end 2001, KPMG certified AstroPower's financials and did not report any financial improprieties or raise any disagreement it had with AstroPower's internal accounting processes.

30. The services KPMG provided generated millions of dollars in aggregate fees. During the course of their relationship, AstroPower paid significant professional fees to KPMG.

C. Accounting Irregularities

31. From 1992 to 2003, AstroPower entrusted the verification and certification of its financials to KPMG and relied upon KMPG to verify compliance with internal controls.

32. In December 2002, the KPMG accountant responsible for the AstroPower file was injured. As a result, KPMG inserted a new senior accountant, who initially identified irregularities with the Company's booking of revenues generated from transactions using the CIF Incoterm.

33. "CIF" is an acronym for "Cost Insurance Freight." This term denotes whether the buyer or the seller bears the costs associated with shipping the goods and when title

passes. At KPMG's direction, AstroPower had been recognizing revenue when the Company's solar products left its shipping docks. KPMG's new senior accountant now insisted that revenue should be recognized when the solar products cross the bow of the shipping vehicle because that is when title passes. This issue had never been raised before by KPMG. To the contrary, KPMG had previously instructed the Company how to book these revenues inconsistent with the procedures it was now proposing.

34. Then, in April 2003, KPMG raised additional concerns about the Company's accounting practices. Based on these concerns, and at the suggestion of counsel, AstroPower's Audit Committee retained Hale & Dorr and E&Y to investigate accounting irregularities. Hale & Dorr was retained as the Audit Company's independent counsel, and E&Y was engaged to investigate AstroPower's internal controls and revenue recognition policies and procedures. As a result of its forensic investigation, E&Y quickly pinpointed areas in which AstroPower's financial reporting was irregular: (i) Revenue Recognition; (ii) Inventory Valuation; and (iii) Equipment Under Construction (EUC).

35. Throughout this time, KPMG remained as the Company's outside auditors.

36. In June 2003, after the Company incurred approximately \$1,500,000 in fees resultant from E&Y's forensic accounting review, the Audit Committee completed its preliminary internal investigation and highlighted numerous accounting irregularities.

37. These irregularities were not just isolated incidents. These irregularities were symptomatic of a lack of internal controls at the Company and a years-long failure by KPMG to notify the Company, its Board, management, and shareholders of these crucial accounting and, consequently, reporting, errors.

38. KPMG knew, or recklessly ignored, that AstroPower's internal controls and accounting systems were deficient and/or wholly inaccurate. As a result, KPMG's audit opinions and financial certifications were grossly deficient, inaccurate, and unreliable.

39. As the E&Y audit revealed, AstroPower's financials were rife with accounting misstatements including the improper recognition of revenues, deficient and incorrect or incomplete documentation or contracts evidencing purported sales transactions, and a host of other issues that painted a financial picture for AstroPower that was facially wrong. KPMG was the Company's auditor during all operative times.

40. One of KPMG's duties was to review and audit the Company's internal controls—activities such as these are indicia of KPMG's failures to discharge those duties and to comply with its contractual obligations.

41. It was KPMG's responsibility to ensure the accuracy and comprehensiveness of AstroPower's accounting protocols and KPMG wholesale failed to do so. Indeed, AstroPower contracted with KPMG for it to provide these services, services that KPMG did not provide.

42. KPMG failed to properly audit and properly account for AstroPower's revenue recognition. The result of this flawed accounting practice was that AstroPower further deepened its insolvency.

43. Amongst the numerous accounting errors and omissions highlighted by the E&Y audit, four categories were the most glaring: (i) revenue recognition; (ii) Days of Sales (DOSS); (iii) inventory valuation; and (iv) incorrect billings to and capitalization of EUC.

i. **Revenue Recognition**

44. The Company's revenue recognition policy was to recognize revenue when products were shipped. In other words, when AstroPower's solar cells left its warehouse, the Company generated and realized revenue.

45. During the years that KPMG was contractually obligated to audit AstroPower's financials and charged with other auditing functions, AstroPower recognized revenue on goods that were not yet delivered; on sales pursuant to the CIF Incoterm (when KPMG's interpretation on the propriety of this revenue recognition was incorrect); on contracts that had not yet been signed; on payments that had not yet been received; and on goods that were delivered to customers even if those customers did not request that those goods be sent. Furthermore, at times the Company failed to adjust revenue based upon returned goods in the correct reporting period.

46. KPMG, as the Company's auditors and accountants failed to alert AstroPower's management to these problems. Moreover, KPMG certified that the Company's financials were fair, accurate, and in compliance with GAAP and GAAS when, in fact, they were not.

ii. **Days of Sales (DOS)**

47. Because AstroPower recognized revenue when product was shipped, it was incentivized to ship as much product as possible. As an example, despite AstroPower's payment terms being 30 to 60 days, payment terms of 180 days or more were often allowed to international customers and those without proper credit ratings. Thus, even if a customer had not yet paid for solar cells it had received, AstroPower would still ship more product and,

consequently, would book additional revenue while contemporaneously creating massive receivables.

iii. Inventory Valuation

48. As a result of the process of making solar cells and modules, silicon scrap is produced.

49. For example, when a silicon wafer is cut to create a photovoltaic solar cell, the shape is altered. The silicon wafers used by AstroPower to create solar cells are cut from a rectangular sheet of silicon. After removing the corners from the rectangle, the final shape for the solar cell remains. The removed corners are called "ears." In addition to the silicon ears, other components of scrap silicon are damaged silicon wafers and silicon breakage. Up until 2001, AstroPower accounted for this scrap inventory as just that and assigned it a nominal value.

50. In 2001, however, AstroPower's accounting treatment of this scrap silicon was changed. Because AstroPower decided to stockpile its scrap inventory for potential future use, KPMG instructed the Company to begin assigning full value to its scrap inventory.

51. Despite the AstroPower's vocal opposition to accounting for its scrap inventory in this manner, the Company relented to KPMG's instruction.

52. E&Y immediately identified the accounting treatment for the scrap inventory as being incorrect.

53. Based on KPMG's advice, AstroPower had developed a \$20,000,000 asset on its books attributable to its scrap silicon. In reality, this asset was of nominal value.

iv. Equipment Under Construction

54. AstroPower employed a pool of engineers to design and build the specialized equipment the company required to manufacture its solar products. When these

engineers expended time and materials on their design and build projects, they were instructed to bill that time and material to the specific piece of equipment that was under construction. Through this accounting treatment, that time and material was not booked as overhead; rather, it was applied to and capitalized in that specific project.

55. This accounting treatment was suggested and consistently blessed by KPMG. This treatment, however, could also be susceptible to abuse. Engineers would book costs and time related to one project to an entirely different project and would book costs and time to projects after that project was closed. Through this inappropriate booking of costs and labor, AstroPower's financials inaccurately portrayed the true cost of certain projects and improperly capitalized projects. The Company did so at the direction and with the blessing of KPMG.

D. KPMG Raises Concerns and, Ultimately, Fires AstroPower as a Smokescreen and a Mechanism to Contrive a Defense to Their Decade-Old Failures

65. Until the winter of 2002, KPMG raised no concerns regarding how it had been keeping AstroPower's books and certifying the Company's financials to the public. In summer of 2002, however, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act was signed into law. For the first time, KPMG became more concerned with its certification of AstroPower's financials than with the fees it derived from the AstroPower engagement.

66. On or about January 30, 2003, KPMG corresponded with AstroPower regarding KPMG's audit of AstroPower's financials as of December 31, 2002 and 2001. The engagement letter was countersigned by the chairman of AstroPower's Audit Committee on June 10, 2003.

67. Under this agreement, KPMG was to:

[I]ssue a written report upon our audit of the consolidated balance sheets of AstroPower, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2002, and schedules supporting such financial statements, all of which are to be included in the annual report (Form 10-K) proposed to be filed by the Company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

68. KPMG estimated its fees for this retention would be \$245,650.

69. During April 2003, in connection with its completion of the 2002 year-end audit, KPMG expressed concerns. The concerns KPMG raised at this late hour focused on AstroPower's revenue recognition practices and lax internal controls. The Company's management, Board, and Audit Committee were incredulous that KPMG was only now raising concerns at this late stage of the auditing process. KPMG further expressed its concern that the audit could not be completed with the Company's current CEO and CFO in place. Thus, KPMG forced the ouster of the Company's two officers that could serve a critical role in completing the audit.

70. Suddenly, KPMG's auditors and accountants were taking up residence at the AstroPower facility. An army of KPMG accountants and auditors were on-site at AstroPower every day for months scrubbing transactions from prior years. Presumably, KPMG was now concerned about its own hand in AstroPower's demise.

71. In the fall of 2003, KPMG declared that it was not prepared to complete the audit process unless AstroPower undertook additional forensic procedures beyond the scope of those matters already evaluated. KPMG, however, did not define the scope of these procedures.

72. The Audit Committee advised KPMG that, while it did not believe additional forensic work was necessary, it would be willing to undertake such efforts if KPMG provided guidance regarding the scope, potential cost, and timing of these additional procedures and, in particular, how these additional procedures would affect the timing and cost for completing the audit.

73. KPMG, however, refused to provide the guidance requested by the Audit Committee. AstroPower advised KPMG that it could not assist KPMG with its requests if KPMG did not cooperate.

74. AstroPower's heightened concerns were meritorious; for months, KPMG had been stringing AstroPower along. KPMG would indicate that the audit could be completed if AstroPower would provide certain information, but, as soon as that information was provided, KPMG would request new and different information.

75. Additionally, KPMG's fees had ballooned from its initial estimate of \$246,650. AstroPower cooperated with each of KPMG's requests. But, AstroPower could no longer blindly write KPMG blank checks as it continued to prolong an audit that, by this time, it was clear KPMG never intended to and never would complete.

76. On or about December 29, 2003, AstroPower received correspondence from KPMG in which KPMG advised that "the client-auditor relationship between AstroPower, Inc. and KPMG has ceased." The audit for which AstroPower paid KPMG excessive fees was never completed.

77. On February 1, 2004, AstroPower filed for bankruptcy protection.

78. KPMG's role in AstroPower's improper revenue recognition, asset valuation, and other accounting practices prevented AstroPower's management, and the

independent members of the board and of the Audit Committee from being able to discover and correct the misstatements. Moreover, KPMG's acts and omissions caused AstroPower to make critically flawed business decisions. Finally, despite promising to complete the 2002 audit, KPMG failed to do so and ultimately caused the Company's demise.

COUNT I - BREACH OF CONTRACT

79. The Trust hereby incorporates the facts and allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 78 above as if fully set forth herein.

80. AstroPower entered into contracts with KPMG under which KPMG agreed to audit the consolidated balance sheets of AstroPower, Inc., and its related subsidiaries, the related consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for prior years ended, and schedules supporting each financial statements, all of which were to be included in the annual reports (Forms 10-K) proposed to be filed by the Company under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. KPMG also contracted to provide AstroPower with written reports on these financial statements.

81. KPMG contractually agreed to perform its audit in accordance with GAAS and GAAP.

82. KPMG breached its contracts with AstroPower by failing to provide the bargained-for services and failing to conduct its audits in accordance with GAAP and GAAS.

83. KPMG's breach of its contracts with AstroPower caused AstroPower to suffer damages in an amount to be determined at trial.

COUNT II - PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE/ACCOUNTING MALPRACTICE

84. The Trust hereby incorporates the facts and allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 83 above as if fully set forth herein.

85. KPMG had a duty, as a professional accounting firm, financial consultant, and auditor to use such skill, prudence, and diligence as other members of its profession commonly possess and exercise.

86. KPMG breached the duties it owed AstroPower in at least the following respects:

- a. Failing to audit AstroPower's financial statements and prepare reports with appropriate skill and diligence;
- b. Failing to advise adequately, inquire into, and to investigate independently accounting and financial information;
- c. Failing to properly and fully advise AstroPower's management, Board of Directors, Audit Committee, and shareholders of the lack of internal controls, ongoing accounting irregularities, and incorrect financial statements of which KPMG was or should have been aware through reasonable diligence and skill;
- d. Failing to inquire into suspect transactions and/or records in order to undertake appropriate steps to account for and/or inform management about those suspect transactions and/or records;
- e. Certifying AstroPower's financial statements to the Company's management, Board, Audit Committee, and shareholders as true, accurate, and correct when KPMG knew or should have known of their inaccuracy and/or falsity;

f. Failing to investigate the proper accounting treatment for (1) AstroPower's revenue recognition practices; (2) inventory valuation practices; and, (3) EUC capitalization practices;

g. Failing to advise AstroPower on its (1) revenue recognition practices; (2) Inventory valuation practices; and, (3) EUC capitalization practices;

h. Failing to complete AstroPower's 2002 year-end financial audit, and in fact, being more concerned about its own liability exposure than the effect of its failure to complete these financials;

i. Failing to timely notify AstroPower that its financials from 2002 and prior were not performed in accordance with GAAP and GAAS; and

j. Failing to staff the 2002 audit and prior AstroPower auditing, accounting, and consulting engagements with personnel of sufficient knowledge, training, and expertise.

COUNT III – NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION

87. The Trust hereby incorporates the facts and allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 86 above as if fully set forth herein.

88. KPMG represented to AstroPower that it had expertise in analyzing accounting issues to determine their proper treatment in accordance with GAAP, in recognizing revenue, in valuing inventory, and in the correct capitalization and depreciation issues. These representations were made with the intent to induce AstroPower to engage KPMG as its accounting firm, consultant, and auditor. KPMG further represented that its work in connection with its auditing of the Company's year-end financials was done in accordance with GAAP and

GAAS when it was not. KPMG intended for AstroPower to rely on the representations in order to publish its year-end financials.

89. AstroPower justifiably relied on the representations made by KPMG. AstroPower, in reliance on KPMG's representations, engaged KPMG as its accounting firm, consultant, expert, and auditor and AstroPower was damaged as a result.

COUNT IV – GROSS NEGLIGENCE

90. The Trust hereby incorporates the facts and allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 89 above as if fully set forth herein.

91. KPMG's negligence as described above rose to the level of gross negligence. KPMG exhibited a wholesale want of care such that its acts and omissions were intentional, the result of recklessness, the result of or conscious indifference to AstroPower's rights and welfare. As a result, KPMG was grossly negligent.

92. KPMG's grossly negligent conduct warrants an award of exemplary damages, for which the Trust hereby sues.

COUNT V – UNJUST ENRICHMENT

93. The Trust hereby incorporates the facts and allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 92 above as if fully set forth herein.

94. In the alternative, and/or with respect to conduct not governed by the existence of an express contract, the Trust seeks the equitable remedy of unjust enrichment.

95. AstroPower paid to KPMG millions of dollars during their business relationship. AstroPower paid excessive fees to KPMG with regard to the 2002 audit alone.

96. In exchange for the millions of dollars paid by AstroPower to KPMG it received improper and inaccurate auditing, accounting, and consulting services which hastened

AstroPower's demise, if not doomed it completely. With regard to the 2002 audit alone, AstroPower paid KPMG excessive fees for GAAP and GAAS compliant audited financials and a written report on same. In exchange for these fees, AstroPower received only a letter terminating their relationship.

97. There was no justification for KPMG's receipt of these monies and for the loss suffered by AstroPower's as correlating to its payment of these monies to KPMG.

98. The Trust seeks this equitable remedy as there is no adequate remedy at law under which the Trust may recover.

DAMAGES AND OTHER REMEDIES

99. The Trust hereby incorporates the facts and allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 98 above as if fully set forth herein.

100. As a result of the wrongful conduct described above, the Trust is entitled to recover its direct damages and consequential damages resulting from KPMG's wrongful conduct.

101. The Trust is also entitled to a constructive trust on any sums AstroPower paid to KPMG as a result of KPMG's wrongful conduct, and to an order compelling KPMG to disgorge all such sums to the Trust, including any sums earned in whole or in part because of KPMG malfeasance or nonfeasance.

102. The Trust is also entitled to recover its reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in connection with its prosecution of this lawsuit.

PUNITIVE DAMAGES

103. The Trust hereby incorporates the facts and allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 102 above as if fully set forth herein.

104. The Trust is also entitled to punitive damages. KPMG is liable for acts of gross negligence. Such conduct was committed knowingly, intentionally, willfully, wantonly, maliciously, or with reckless disregard for the rights of AstroPower. Accordingly, the Trust seeks recovery of punitive damage in order to punish KPMG's actions and deter such conduct in the future.

JURY DEMAND

The Trust demands a trial by jury for all issues so properly triable.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Trust prays that Defendant KPMG be cited to appear herein and, that upon trial of the matter, the Trust be awarded judgment as follows:

1. All actual damages as established at trial;
2. Exemplary damages as established by the finder of fact, if applicable;
3. Pre and post-judgment interest to the extent allowed by law;
4. Reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees to the extent allowed by law;
5. All costs of suit; and
6. Any and all further relief to which the Trust has shown itself justly entitled

whether at law or in equity, and whether general or special.

Dated: July 31, 2006

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS AstroPower Liquidating Trust, f/k/a AstroPower, Inc.		DEFENDANTS KPMG, LLP		
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <u>New Castle</u> (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)		County of Residence of First Listed Defendant <u> </u> (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)		
(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Landis Rath & Cobb LLP 919 Market St., Wilmington, DE 19801 (302) 467-4400		Attorneys (If Known) JF.		
II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)		III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)		
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				FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609
V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)				Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Proceeding	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Removed from State Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Remanded from Appellate Court	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Reinstated or Reopened	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Transferred from another district (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Multidistrict Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 7
VI. CAUSE OF ACTION		Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): Brief description of cause: Breach of Contract, Gross Negligence		
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23	DEMAND \$	CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY		(See instructions): JUDGE	DOCKET NUMBER	
DATE	SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD <i>Dan Berta</i>			
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY				
RECEIPT #	AMOUNT	APPLYING IFF	JUDGE	MAG. JUDGE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44**Authority For Civil Cover Sheet**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

I. (a) Plaintiffs-Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.

(b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)

(c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".

II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.

IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section VI below, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.

V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553
Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service

VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

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United States District Court for the District of Delaware

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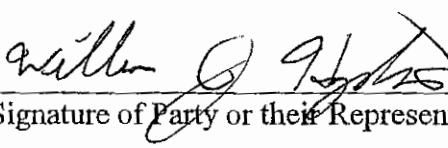
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF 2 COPIES OF AO FORM 85.

7/31/2006

(Date forms issued)


(Signature of Party or their Representative)

(Printed name of Party or their Representative)

Note: Completed receipt will be filed in the Civil Action